

# **MINUTES**

## **STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 7, 2009 12:00Noon – 2:00 PM**

**93 Gooding Ave., Suite 3, Bristol, RI 02809**

**Members Present:** Liz Graves, Chairperson; Don Phelps, 1st Vice Chair (speaker phone); Barbara Rozul, Secretary; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice Chair (speaker phone); Mary Wambach, LDA Chairperson.

**Staff Present:** Camille Pansa, Executive Director; Lisel Rockwood, Program Assistant.

**Interpretor:** Dona Lombardi

**1. Minutes of December 5, 2008:** previously sent. A motion was made by Mary Wambach and seconded by Don Phelps to accept the minutes as written. Vote passed unanimously.

**2. Review February 2009 calendar:** attached. The LDA meeting will be held on the 23rd due to the holiday on the 16th. The first Mentoring meeting be on the 28th. The date for the March quarterly will be Friday, March 27th.

**3. ILRU conference call:** Camille Pansa reported that the conference call included national representation and each SILC spoke about the problems they faced. The group's consensus of the most important issues were:

**(1) relationship with the CILs (2) budget crisis and (3) the need for clarity and uniformity from RSA concerning SILC activities.**

**4. Next step on Disability History Week bill:** It was suggested that obtaining the support of the RI Department of Education (RIDE) might be helpful in the passing of a DHW bill. Mary Wambach will contact both David Sienko (RIDE) and Representative Naughton.

**5. Disposal of old computers/printer:** It was agreed that the old computers and printer are no longer useful and can be disposed.

**6. Vote to renew membership RI Disability Vote Project:** A motion was made by Don Phelps and seconded by Mary Wambach to renew the RIDVP membership at a cost of \$375. Vote passed unanimously with one abstention (Heidi Showstead).

**7. Collaborative meetings:** Camille Pansa will contact the CILs and ORS to schedule a meeting. Liz Graves and Don Phelps are available to attend.

**8. Code of ethics:** tabled.

**9. Initiatives for 2009:** Mary Wambach reported on a meeting at the Governor's Council on Disabilities (GCD) concerning the Global Medicaid Waiver. Although the GCD members have diverse opinions, several felt that the huge document is very vague and some sections are "very disturbing". The Legislators have until January 18th to vote on its approval. Public Hearings are being held and all should try to attend to give testimony/support.

**10. Chairperson's Report:** Liz Graves stated that the NEADS educational presentation at the quarterly meeting was fabulous. She also stated how important it was for Council Members to respond to

emails and requests for information.

11. Executive Director Report: Camille Pansa reported that she had been in contact with John Moon (NEADS), thanking him for his presentation at the quarterly and requesting his assistance in recruiting a Veteran who is disabled for the Council. She also stated that the auditor will present his findings at the next meeting of the Finance/Resource Committee on January 16th.

12. Financial Report: previously sent.

13. Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee Report: previously sent. Mary Wambach reported that representatives from the Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) program will attend the LDA meeting on January 23rd at a special time from 11am-1pm. The regular business meeting will be held from 1pm-2pm. Mary will check their availability as a possible education presentation for the March quarterly meeting.

14. Old Business/New Business/Incoming Mail: Camille Pansa reported that she had received an acknowledgement of the thank you letter that had been sent to Judith Kapucinski who was very appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rozul

Secretary